

LAKE NEWS



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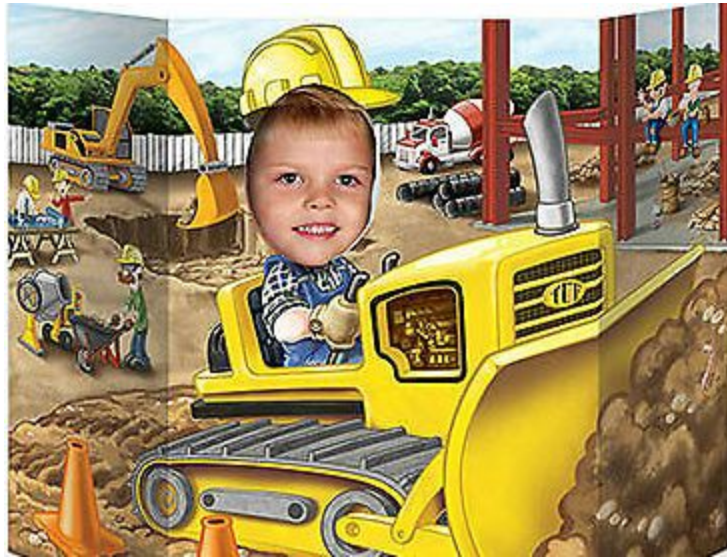
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FOURTH OF JULY

This year's celebration was again, a great success with a wonderful fireworks show. Thank you to all members for once again making this busy weekend a safe and accident-free time.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Beginning in mid-September the water level of the lake will be lowered, as we do every four years, so that any work needed on your shoreline and/or boathouse may be done. It takes about two weeks for the level to be four to six feet; be sure to remove boat from the water prior to this. Any work requiring approval from Board of Directors must be submitted in a timely manner so the approval process may be completed work beginning; the application for approval (FTLA Construction Application) can be found on our website or obtained at the office. Keep in mind that the water level will be raised as late as possible to allow for construction projects completion but it must be raised back to winter pool level before the winter freeze to protect the seawalls.



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Our annual Dues and Assessments are payable by August 15th. Please mail your payment to the office or drop it off prior to that date. The amounts due, which are unchanged from last year, are: Dues of \$1,000.00 and Assessment of \$250.00 for a total of \$1,250.00 per lot owned.

BOATING AND SAFETY

Thanks to all for another safe Fourth of July holiday weekend. The weather was superb and the fireworks were great as always. The primary safety issues observed include members and or guests operating watercraft going in the wrong direction, kayaks and swimmers in the boat traffic lanes, travelling too close to the shoreline, ignoring designated No Wake zones, insufficient number of lifejackets for number of persons on the boat, and tubing without a lifejacket.

A hands on "Welcome to Flat Top Lake" safe boat operation demonstration is available to all members and their immediate family. The demonstration takes less than one hour and is highly recommended for new members and others that are not familiar with the rules, proper boat operation procedures, and hazards of the lake. Please contact the lake office to arrange an appointment for the demonstration.

Members, please remember, when pulling anyone with your boat, you must have a "spotter" watching to inform the driver that the person has fallen. All boat operators should constantly be watchful for swimmers and other people in the water.



It is the responsibility of the member to know and understand the Rules and Regulations governing the operation of watercraft. It is also their duty to insure that all family members and guests also understand the rules. Our lake has an outstanding safety record, let's stay well informed and

continue that record!

Motorized watercraft, of all types, must maintain a 50 foot clearance from the shoreline and all "people powered" watercraft should never be more than 25 feet from the shore. From dusk until dawn, all watercraft, except boats, are prohibited from use; this prohibition includes jet skis and tubers/skiers. All boats must maintain idle speed only with proper lighting illuminated at all times.

FAMILY EVENTS

Remember that if you are having a family or special event, the Beach area as well as the “Ball Field” are available for reservation. The form to request this is available on our website and at the office.



Several folks have been meeting at the beach every Tuesday at 2:00pm to play Mahjong. Please feel free to join them for a fun time!

FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fall Festival and Fish Fry has been scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2020 starting at 12:30 pm; keeping in mind that COVID-19 may have an impact on this event. We will keep you informed of any changes but for now please mark your calendar for one of the most popular events of the year.



NEW NEIGHBORS

The following members have joined our community since our last newsletter; join us in welcoming them to our “Almost Heaven” home.

Lots 7 & 8: Thia Wang

Lots 93 & 94: Summer Hall

Lot 231: Brian Williams

Lot 239: Noah Kapp

Lot 342: Kacy Korczyk

UPCOMMING EVENTS

Mid-September – water level lowered

September 19 – Fall Festival & Fish Fry*

October 31 – Halloween Trunk or Treat*

November 1 – Halloween rain date

December 5 – Santa's workshop*

December 5 – Parade of Lights

*this is a tentative date dependent upon COVID-19

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